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Dr Sacheverel's
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O F
Salatin in Shropshire,
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A true and impartial Account, of the Reception
he has met with, from the Several Corporations
He passed through in his Journy thither.

In a Letter from a Gentleman, (that Accompanied
him, from his first Setting out, to this time,)
to his Friend in L O N D O N.

— *Mediæque per Elidos Urbes*
Ibat. —

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S I R,

SOME particular Passages in the *Flying-Post*, as well as the *Observer*, and *Review*, (however insignificant those three Papers are) relating to the Doctor, having reach'd this Place; I could not but think my self oblig'd, not only in Justice to him, but the Publick, to give you a faithful Account of our whole Journey hither; in order to undeceive such as may have entertain'd any Prejudice against the Doctor's Conduct, from their false Insinuations, and take off from the Reflections that are cast upon him by the *Tatler*; who says, *Heroes* in our Service, are treated with Calumny, while *Criminals* pass through our Towns with *Acclamations*. You are therefore to know, that several of the Parishioners of St. Saviours Southwark, being given to understand, that the Doctor design'd for Oxford, on

Monday, the 15th of June last, agreed among themselves to accompany him to *Uxbridge*; and met accordingly, at a time appointed for that Purpose, altogether, without his Knowledge; for he was always averse to such Cavalcades. Amongst the rest, your Humble Servant made one, not only with an Intent to go as far as *Oxford* with him, but Design'd to attend him thro' the whole Journey; the Doctor having invited me in particular, by doing me the Honour to reckon me amongst the Number of those he could entirely confide in, to keep him Company to *Salatin*, the Rectory of which he was then going to take Possession of. Our Number at our first setting out, was Sixty-six Horse, who brought him to Mr. Daintry's, at the *Crown* in *Uxbridge*, the same Day about Noon, where after Dinner, all my Fellow Parishioners, but my self, took their Leaves of him, and retir'd for *London*, after leaving him under a Convoy of at least 300 Able bodied Men, who were come from all Parts to see him. These gave us their Company, till we came thro' *Beconsfield*, *Higb* and *West Wickham*. (every one of which Places increas'd our Numbers by vast Additions) to *Stoken-Church*, where our wellwishers left us, and surrendred up their Charge to much the same Number of Attendants, who were gather'd for that Purpose, from the Parts adjacent.

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These Conducted us thro' *Tetsworth*, where he had the Prayers and Praises of Multitudes, till they were reliev'd at *Wheatly*, by the noblest Appearance that ever was seen on such an Occasion. Here the Right Honourable the Earl of *Abington*, with his Brother, Mr. *Charles Bertie*, Fellow of *All Souls College*, Mr. *Romney*, one of the Members of Parliament for the City of *Oxon*, as also most of the Noblemen, Heads of Houses, both the Proctors, most of the Fellows of Colleges, Gentlemen, Commoners, &c. welcom'd the Doctor home to the University, which he had been such an Ornament to, and usher'd him into the Town; where having Supp'd with the E---, he betook himself to his Chambers in the College, which were crouded the next Morning by Visitors of the first Rank, and Quality; who distinguish'd themselves, by giving him Invitations to their several Colleges, where we were treated (for you are to know, that I was not a little respected, on Account of my Acquaintance with the Doctor) after a very Magnificent Manner. And here I find my self under a Necessity of making a Digression, in favour of a very worthy Person, Dr. *Lancaster*, Provost of *Queen's College*, and Vice-Chancellor of *Oxford*; who, though he was the Doctor's Bail when under Prosecution, and has always signaliz'd himself in Defence of the Church of *En-*

land, by Law Establish'd, and the Honour of the University, which he has the Government of, yet has fall'n under the Censure of ill Tongues, (and what will not Ill Tongues say?) for turning Cat in Pan, and deserting the Doctor, and his Cause. Since, among all the rest, this very worthy Person receiv'd us with an Affability peculiar to himself; and not only made several plentiful Treats for us, but was more frequent in his Visits to him at his own Appartments, than some People, who had no great Friendship for the Doctor, thought consistent with the high Dignity of one, that had six Beadles to walk before him, and was Vice-Chancellor of *Oxford*.

To be as brief as possible, and keep within the Compass of a Letter; we tarried here near a Month, during all which time, Multitudes gather'd together from all Parts, to hear the Doctor Read Prayers at his College, which he did oftner than is usual for any one Fellow, because of being excus'd in his Turn, when his Occasions should demand his Absence. After which we took Horse for *Shropshire*, with a vast Retinue, not only of the University, but most Towns and Villages within 10 Miles of it.

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Nothing occur'd that was material, except Ringing of Bells, through all the Parishes we pass'd, and a very handsome Entertainment from Sir *Edward Cobb*, at *Adderbury*, who perform'd that Office in the Absence of the Reverend and Learned Dr. *Loggan*, Vicar of that Place, who distinguishes himself always upon such occasions; till we came within a Mile of *Banbury*, where we were met by Thousands of its Inhabitants, and the Neighbouring *Hamlets* and *Villages*; and at the Towns end, introduc'd into it by the *Mayor* and *Aldermen*, in their Formalities, an Honour the Doctor would have avoided, but could not, without extream Rudeness, in taking another Rout.

Our Reception here, was so very different from the Account that is handed about by the disaffected Party, in a Libel, call'd, *The Banbury Apes*; that both the manner of inviting us to the Entertainment prepar'd for us, and the Decency that was us'd at it, were such as was altogether answerable to the Character of a Loyal Corporation, and a Burrough that knew as well what Deference was due to the several Members of it, that Compos'd the Magistracy, as well as to the Merit of a Person, who had so openly Espous'd the Rights of the Church Establish'd.

This may serve for an Answer to a Fellow, that deserves to be Piectur'd with a *Tayl* himself, for his Insolence, in fixing 'em upon such, who have no manner of Title to wear 'em, and be ook'd upon, as an Instance of that strict observance of Truth, which *Foe*, *Ridpath*, and the rest of the Republican Scriblers value themselves so much upon.

From hence, after the Doctor had dispatch'd a Messenger to his Friends in *Warwick*, to prevent their putting their Designs in Execution, of paying him the same Deference as was here shewn him; we took our Leaves of the Mayor and Aldermen, (who not only would defray our Expences at our several Inns, but attend us out of the Liberry of the Town,) and rode briskly along, with all the Privacy imaginable, only seven of us being in Company, till we arriv'd at a Gentleman's House, whose Modesty being as great as his Hospitality, has engag'd me to make no Mention of his Name, which has not only been very often spoken of with abundance of Respect in his own Country, which he is a shining Ornament to, but those which are remote. Such a Patriot as this, who had taken the Doctor's Part in the House of C——ns, with no small Warmth, could not but make us extreamly Welcome, and dismiss us with a grateful Sense of

of his Favours, after he had given us a very plentiful Dinner, and refresh'd us with excellent Wines after it.

Now for our Reception at a Town, which has exasperated the adverse Party to such a Degree, as to make 'em bring railing Accusations against us, for which the Lord rebuke 'em. The Person we had dispatch'd to *Warwick*, brought us word in our Journey thither, that he had with difficulty prevail'd with the Magistrates of the Town, to let us make our Entry without the same Honours that had been shown us at *Banbury*. Yet notwithstanding these Concessions on their Part, the News of our being to arrive there that Night, had taken Air amongst the Populace, who had flung by the several Works they were employ'd in, and stood ready to *Huzzaa* us to our Inn, (a Compliment that sort of Gentry has long been known to pay to such as have the Happiness to be in their good Graces,) which made us prepare our Ears accordingly, that were saluted, and deafned, by repeated Acclamations, till we reach'd the Sign of the *Woolpack*, and put up our Horses, in order to refresh them, and ourselves.

We had scarce alighted, when Mr. Mayor, and his Brethren, sent the Doctor Word by their Mace-Bearer, or Town Serjeant, that if he was
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at Leisure, they intended to wait upon him in a full Body ; which a Gentleman of the Doctor's Education and Demeanour, could not but comply with, notwithstanding the Message he had sent them of his Intentions to come privately, and which was put in Execution about a Quarter of an Hour afterwards, by their *welcoming him to the Antient, and Loyal Town of Warwick, and Congratulating him on his late Deliverance from the Dangers, they in a particular manner had been apprehensive of, during the Prosecution, which he was happily freed from.*

Now, tho' that Wretch of a Scribler, the Author of the *Flying-Post*, deserves nothing but Contempt ; and Silence, according to Solomon's Rule, who enjoins us, *Not to answer a Fool according to his Folly, lest he be wise in his own Conceit*, is the best Method to shew our Contempt of him by ; yet I cannot but think it material to my Purpose to tell you, that at their taking Leave of the Doctor, there was no Dispute about the Reckoning ; nor when we were gone from thence, any Debates in their *Common-Hall*, about mispending the Common Stock, as he has taken Pains to inform the World in two several Papers : Neither did the Doctor refuse their Invitation to a Treat in the Council-Chamber, because they did not pay their Respects to him in their Formalities. But so very
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far from it, that his own desires hinder'd such a Pompous Appearance ; and when we call'd for the Reckoning, and were going to take Horse, Word was brought us, that there was nothing to pay ; and the Persons belonging to the Inn, would not take a Penny of our Money, for fear of disobliging the Mayor and Aldermen, his Brethren.

We left *Warwick* behind us about Five in the Evening, and reach'd the Right Honourable the Lord *Craven's* about Nine, where we had a Welcome from that Noble Peer, which put me in mind of an old Acquaintance of a Book I had formerly been familiar with at School, *Ovid's Metamorphosis* ; which has, *super Omnia Vultus Accessere boni*. Not but the Greatness of this Noble Peer's Fortune is far superior to that of *Baucis*, and *Phileman*, whose Poverty this *Latin* Sentence was applicable to ; and the Guests he did the Honour of entertaining under his Roof, were as much inferior to his Lordship, as their's was above their generous *Entertainers*. It's altogether needless, and directly doing Violence to his Lordship's Hospitality, to enter upon the Detail of the many Favours he has been pleas'd to heap upon us. Let it suffice therefore, if I tell you, that after having partaken of all the Diversions that a delicate Country could afford us, and been very nobly treated at most of the
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Men of Qualities, and Gentlemen's Houses thereabouts, in particular the Lord *Willoughby's*, the Lord *Leigh's*, Mr. *Bromely's*, &c. we went to Dine with Sir *William Boughton*, at his Seat near *Coventry*; and in going to the Town, were receiv'd by a Concourse of People, that was numbred at 5000, which may serve for an Answer to some malicious Insinuations, as if the Town refus'd to pay us any manner of Respect; when, but for the Doctor's known Aversion to Pomp and Ceremony, he would have had the Compliments of the Magistracy in a full Body, in this Place, as at *Warwick*. I am likewise oblig'd to take notice of another Misrepresentation that has reach'd us; which is, when we went to wait upon the Lord *W——*, that his Lordship took Occasion to be from Home, and said, it was not the Man, but the Cause, that he had a Regard for. I appeal to you, whether these are likely to be the Words of a Person, that has all along appear'd so zealous and hearty for him.

But, to give the finishing stroke to a Letter, that is run out into too unmerciful a Length, and spare my self, and you at the same time; I must be contented with acquainting you, that after we had paid those Compliments at our Departure from the Lord *Craven's*, which are usually given by those that are oblig'd to the
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most generous Patrons, and Benefactors; we met with nothing out of the Common Course of Civilities, till we came to *Wrexham*, a Corporation Town in *Shropshire*, which being near the Doctor's New Living, made unusual Preparations to entertain us, and burn'd the Effigies of Mr. *Hoadly*, &c, in the Bonfires which were lighted at our going through the Town. An Unchristian Practice, which the Doctor abhor'd, and which made him make the best of his Way out of it, for *Salatin*, the Place which his Rectory lies in, and within a Mile of which we were met, by upwards of 3000 of the best Men on that side of the Country, who Conducted us to Mr. *George Shakerly's* House, where we lay, and were handsomely entertain'd. So much for a Journey, that has been the most grateful and pleasant I ever met with, by making it as clear as Demonstration itself, that whatever some restless and designing Spirits may fancy to themselves, more than Three Parts in Four of this Nation are in the Interest of the Church of *England*, as by Law Establish'd; and convincing me, that if ever the Faction should be so hardy, to attempt any Innovations in Church or State, they will find themselves out in their Accounts, and meet with deserved Disappointments. I have nothing farther, than to tell you, that the Chancellor of the Diocese has this Day Issued out Orders for the Doctor's Institution,

tion, and Induction, which Ceremony will be performed on *Tuesday* next, when you will hear further from;

Your Assured Friend,

and Servant;

J. K.

BRIDGNORTH, July 6.

S I R,

According to Promise, this comes to tell you, that the Doctor having been invited to *Shrewsbury* on the 3d Instant, was met at *Manford-Bridge*, three Miles off this Town, by ——— *Kinaston*, Esq; *Corbet Kingston*, Esq; *Mr. Owen*; *Mr. Cresset*, *Mr. Creswell*, *Mr. Mitton*, and all the Neighbouring Gentlemen, and others,

others, and was Conducted to the Town, by
 above 5000 Horse; after which he was nobly
 entertain'd there, as well as at Mr. Owen's, at
Cundover, from whence we arriv'd at this
 Place, where People of all Degrees are very affi-
 duous in paying their Respects to us, and where
 we met with the *Review and Observer*, that
 say, we *Parade it about the Country, to influence the*
ensuing Elections; which is as true as the rest of
 those Fellows Assertions generally are. For I
 have been a constant Ear and Eye-Witness, how
 unwillingly the Doctor has at any time accepted
 of a Publick Entertainment, for fear of giving
 Umbrage to the noble Persons, whose Censure
 he lies under; and has often Compounded with
 such Gentlemen who invited him to their Hou-
 ses, for such, and such a Private Passage into
 their Places of Abode, to keep undiscover'd, and
 unattended by the Populace. Neither is he, or
 any of the Gentlemen, so much appriz'd of Af-
 fairs of State, as to pretend to know her Ma-
 jesty's Intentions concerning a new Parliam^{nt},
 as those two Statesmen would be thought to be;
 but all acquiesce under the Queen's most Graci-
 ous Dispensations, not doubting but such Mea-
 sures will be taken by her Majesty, and her
 wise Ministry, as will be most consistent with
 the Publick Tranquility, and the Interest of the
 Kingdom. Though it is not to be suppos'd,
 but he that has made so noble a Stand in Defence
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of the Church Establish'd, will not fail, when Occasion shall offer, to use all the Interest he is possess'd of, to return such Members to Parliament, from such Places where he shall have a Vote, as shall be wholly conformable to his own Principles, and the Interest of the Nation.

But I must not forget to tell you, that when we arriv'd at this Place Yesterday, we were met with one of the Candidates for the next Parliament, with about 500 Horse, and near 3000 Foot, with white Knots edg'd with Gold, and three Leaves of Gilt Laurel in their Hats, the Hedges two Miles from the Town, being Dress'd with the finest of Flowers, and lin'd with People; and the two Steeples Dress'd out with Fifty Pounds worth of Flags, and Colours. On the Morrow we shall likewise go to Ludlow, whither we are likewise invited, and where there is not one Dissenter in the Town. The Doctor was Instituted, and Inducted, this Day Seven-night, when he gave a handsome Entertainment to all that were Present at the Ceremony, which is all from,

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Your very Humble Servant.

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